The Times Dispatch

# WELCOME, FARMERS OF VIRGINIA

## BUMPER'CROPS IN STATE THIS YEAR

Virginia Farmers Cheered by Good News, See Prosperous Days Ahead.

INCORPORATION PLAN WILL BE DISCUSSED

Movement for Chamber of Agriculture Will Probably Take Definite Form at Meeting Which Begins To-Day. Important Matters to Be Discussed.

ARMERS and fruit-growers, live stock producers and tobacco planters, truckers and horticulturists from all sections of Virginia thronged the hotels of mond last night, the offices of the secretary being crowded with those the State Institute, which begins at 9

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culty too.

Farming in Virginia.

Some idea of the diversified character of the farming practiced in Virginia may be obtained from an examination of the program of the institute. Studies of plant life and of soil conditions, of cattle raising and horticulture, of fruit growing and dairying, will alternate with addresses on highway improvement, protection from pests and blights, and educational and social development of the rural communities. lights, and educational and social de-elopment of the rural communities, Perhaps in no State in the Union s every phase of farming as gen-rally represented as in Virginia, there all varieties of mountain and owland soil are to be found, and there the climate lends itself to the roduction of practically all kinds of nimal and vegetable life. Organized five years ago in Roan-ke, largely through the instrumen-ality of ex-Governor J. Hoge Tyler and Professor A. M. Soule, the Vir-inia Farmers' Institute has continued

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### PYTHIANS IN BOSTON

to-day of Camp Joseph H. Lyon on Franklin Field, one of the largest public playgrounds in Boston, where a canvas city of 2.500 tents accommodates the greater portion of the large number of guests. The dedicatory exercises were brief, but impressive. Supreme Representative D. Sidn'ey Woodworth, president of the Boston ways and ineans committee for this convention, transferred the camp to Charles A. Barnes, supreme chancellor of the Jorden, who, in turn, transferred it to Arthur J. Slobbart, major-general, commanding the Uniform Rank. At the flag raising held in connection with this event there were addresses by Governor Curtis Guild and Mayor George A. Hibbard. The first business session in connection with Pythian week was the opening session of the biennial convention of the Grand Keepers of Records and Seals' Association in Kingstord Hall. President Burns, of Wisconsin, presided, and R. W. Bartiett, of Little Rock, Ark., was the secretary, Grand Chancellor George W. Penniman, of the Grand Lodge of the State Institute, which begins at 9 beard of the Pythian Sisters of the Defferson Hotel.

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## WARSHIPS FOR SAMOA

the fleet at Magdalena Bay the vessels will engage in target practice and general maneeuvres.

# DOING GREAT HARM

Number of Fatalities May President Gives Out State- Making Records for Use Durbe 400, and Property Loss as Much as \$10,000,000.

## SEVEN THOUSAND DRIVEN FROM HOME

Population of Good-Sized City Camped in Near-by Towns. Michel in Critical Situation, With Fires Raging on

All Sides-Urgent

Need of Help.

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## WORSE THAN FIRST THOUGHT

Deaths at Fernie May Reach 400, and Property Loas \$10,000,000. VANCOUVER, B. C., August 3.—Vancouver to-day awoke to a full sense of the situation around Fernie. According to one report, the was will exceed \$10,000,000, and the death list total will never be known. It is now believed here that at least two hundred persons perished.

Vancouver wired \$5,000 for relief yesterday, and sent a trainload of supplies to-day. A special dispatch from Winnipeg declares that the deaths will reach 400.

When the flames were consuming Fernie all the prisoners, with the exception of five black-hand suspects, were released. Later they were recaptured and sent to Nelson.

A telegram from Editor Sampson, of the Cranbrook Herald, says:

"All help needed quickly, or worse will follow."

## CABINET READY TO ACT

Has Meagre Information, But Render

All the Help Possible.
OTTAWA, ONT., August 3.—Sir Wilrid Laurier, Hon. Mr. Templeman, the

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The Times-Dispatch.]
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Woman with black vell.

Photograph Identified as Mrs. Wilson, of Norfolk and Phoebus.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BALTIMORE, MD., August 3.—A photograph of the "woman with the black vell," whose body was found in a marsh at Westport, near here, last week, was identified to-day as that of Mrs. May Wilson, of Norfolk and Phoebus, who was formerly Miss May Bradley, of Philadelphia. She is said to have left the Quaker City, where she was employed in a department store, three years ago, and to have gone to Norfolk, where she married. She moved to Phoebus, where her husband is said to have deserted her. Mrs. Wilson, by the president James B. Doherty, of Richmord, Va., presided to-day over the opening session of the annual conventable in the president session of Labor Commissioners in, the absence of President

# FIRES RAGE STILL FATE OF CADETS MR. TAFT TALKING NOT SETTLED YET

ment Denying Having Reached a Decision LOEB AND WRIGHT

WERE BOTH MISTAKEN

Did Not Say in the First Place That Young Men Should Be Punished, and Did Not Tell Secretary of War He Would Issue Order for Reinstatement.

dent that instead of making any report, he would like to discuss the matter with the President in person. He accordingly came, and the discussion was held, but no final decision was reached, the secretary stating that he was not able to make a final and definite recommendation as to all the cases, and preferred to make none as regards any until he could do it as regards all. The President has not yet heard finally from the secretary, and therefore, of course, he came to no final decision.

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opening session of the annual conven-tion of the Association of Labor Com-missioners in the absence of President C. P. Neill, National Commissioner of Labor. About thirty labor commis-sioners from various States are at-tending the convention.

In responding to the welcoming ad-dress of Mayor Thompson, Vice-Presi-dent Doherty said that the labor com-missioners of the country are the men

for whom they are working.

To-night the commissioners were entertained with a boat ride.

WEATHER.

ing the Coming Presidential Campaign.

## AUGUST 21ST FIXED FOR VIRGINIA RALLY

Republican Candidate to Address Virginia Bar Association at Hot Springs on Thursday-Meets Many Friends Among His Political Enemies.

government is set forth in an official statement issued to-day by President Roosevelt, through Rudolph Foster, who is the acting private secretary to the President in the absence of Secretary Loeb, now on his vacation.

The President characterizes as erroneous contrary announcements made earlier by Secretary Loeb and Secretary of War Luke E. Wright. Today's statement explains that the President has not, as yet, heard finally from the Secretary of War as to the latter's recommendations in the matter, and that therefore the national Executive has reached no final decision. By Secretary Loeb has President for the resident had been reported as favoring the dismissal of the cadets. Subset of the produced with varying derives which a single record will hold average about three hundred words in length. The topics to be discussed for repetition in this way have not as yet been decided upon. As a sample of what the machine can do, the candidate was treated to the reproduction of a record made by W. J. Bryan.

Virginia Raily Day.

Mr. Taft to-day fixed August 21st as the date for the raily of Virginia Reubilicans here. He will make a political address from the porch of the

Judge Taft, and the other Hadley Sher-man Heavner, to honor the second place on the national ticket, as well as Hadley, Missouri's Republican can-didate for Governor. The twins were born the second day after the Taft nomination.

## HITCHCOCK SUPREME

Whatever President Does is Right.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 3.—
When seen to-night as to the states are given out the executive office the president had come to no decision in regard to the dismissal of the eight West Point cadets charged with haz. Hellocok, will be in the hands of West Point cadets charged with haz. Hellocok, will be in the hands of Victor L. Maron, of Passale, N. J., who when the statement accredited to him on Saturday to the effect than the resultive field to him on Saturday to the effect than the resultive field to him on Saturday to the effect than the statement accredited to him on Saturday to the effect than the resultive field to him on Saturday to the effect than the statement accredited to him on Saturday to the effect than the resulting the himself.

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Preventing Lynching in Berkley.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., August 3.—There was a serious clash between negroes and United States sailors in Berkley and South Norfolk last night, and but for the timely arrival of the civil authorities, who took charge of three negroes, with whom the trouble originated, and gave them police protection, there might have been loss of life. It is said that the sailors from the St. Helena naval training station, a short distance away, had been taking corn from the farm land of the negroes. One of the negroes fired upon the sailors, but said he did so only to frighten them off. The seamen then drove the negroes, with their families, into the house on the place, and many shots, it is said, were fired into this. The police called upon the naval authorities for aid, and the negroes who were being attacked were finally goten into the Berkley Ward Police Sta-

Several hundred sallors assembled, and the police, hearing threats of lynching, hastened the negroes in a special car from Berkley across the river to the central police station in this city, where they still remain. The sallors assembling around the Berkley Police Station openly threatened attack, and the naval authorities had to again send aid to disperse, and run the enlisted men back to their station. When officers arrived at the farm house where the negroes were being attacked by the sallors, there were 300 enlisted naval men endeavoring to find some way of getting hold of the negroes. Many of these sallors had guns, ropes and missiles. The sallors threatened to burn the house, with the negroes therein, but the officers declared if the negroes were burned the officers, too, would be burned.

The sallors charge that three of them had been held up and robbed by the negroes.

### EXTRA SESSION

Legislature to Reconvene to Hear Report of Committee on Convict Leases.

ATLANTA, GA., August 2.—"If the legislative committee now probing the convict lease system does not complete its labor in time for a thorough and exhaustive report to be made at this session and acted upon before adjournment on August 12th, I will call the Legislature in extra session to dispose of the whole matter," said Governor Smith to-day.

The committee still has a large number of witnesses to hear, and the completion of its work cannot be forecasted. The present lease system expires on April 1st next, and as the two branches of the Legislature are at

casted. The present lease system expires on April 1st next, and as the two branches of the Legislature are at loggerheads over the disposition to be made of the State's convicts, the outcome will probably depend upon the report of the investigating commission. The chief witness at this afternoon's session was A. B. Coombs, superintendent of the State farm since 1942, who made a statement in contradiction to the evidence submitted in criticism of his administration.

George Hurt made an additional statement in reply to Senator Brock, who was formerly a member of the committee, and resigned in order to testify in his own behalf. Hurt submitted documentary evidence to show at a mattive part in the campaign. Mr.

## \$1,000,000 FIRE

CHICAGO, ILL., August 3.—Fire which was so hot that the firemen

## SAILORS AND NEGROES CLASH NEW YORK TO BE BATTLEGROUND

Mack Says Democrats Have Excellent Chance of Carrying State.

MR. BRYAN TO MAKE BUT FEW SPEECHES

Senator Daniel to Take Active Part in the Campaign on His Return from Europe.

Mined.
After a conference lasting over two hours. Chairman Mack said:
"Mr. Murphy and I talked of the situation in the State and what is being done to elect the national ticket. A more active campaign will be made here after the State convention. No mention was made of gubernatorial candidates.

strumental in securing a transfer of convicts from one camp to another with a profit to somebody.

Other witnesses heard to-day were Dr. J. B. S. Holmes and J. M. Santord, the latter testifying to the beating of a fifteen-year-old boy on the bare back until he fainted,

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## **BRYAN WORKS ON SPEECHES**

Guaranty of Deposits,
FARRVIEW, LINCOLN, NEB., August 3.—No incident worthy of note marked the day at Fairview to-day,
Only a few callers journeyed out in the sweltering heat, and these for the